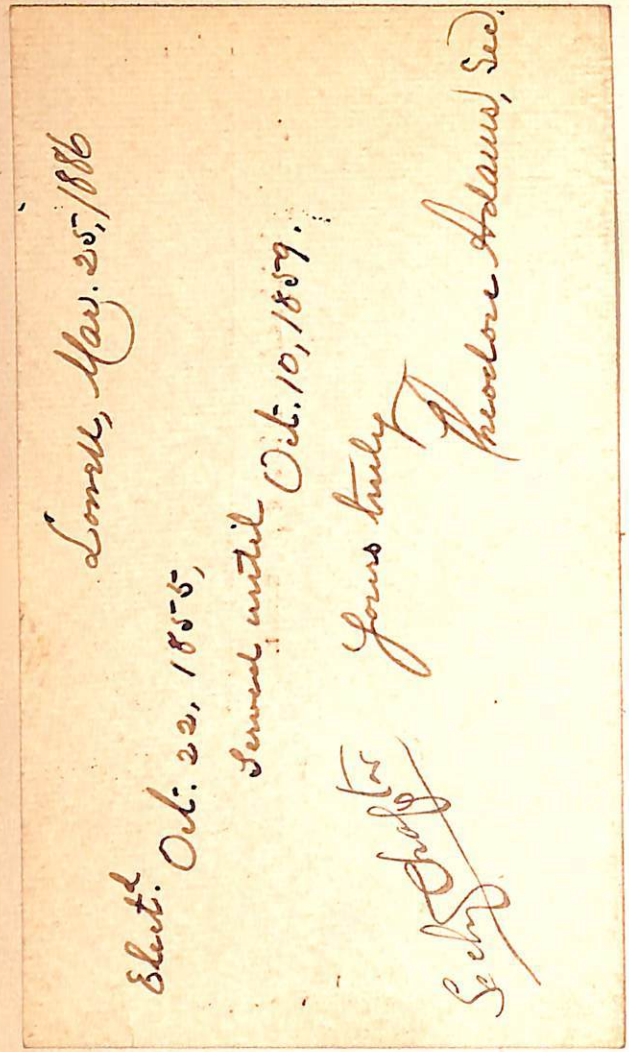
Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter

Lowell, Mass.

1871.

Wm. F. Salmon.



CHARTER, BY-LAWS

AND

LIST OF MEMBERS

OF

MT. HOREB R. A. CHAPTER,

LOWELL, MASS.,

TOGETHER WITH THE

CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND R. A. CHAPTER, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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1871.

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WILLIAM F. SALMON,
WILLIAM E. LIVINGSTON,
THEODORE ADAMS.

On Printing: as above, with

RICHARD W. BAKER, Secretary.

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COPY OF CHARTER.

To all the Exalted and Enlightened under the Canopy of Heaven, Wheresoever Assembled or Dispersed, The Grand Royal Arch Chapter, *in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

Sendeth Greeting:

BE IT KNOWN, that in pursuance of the Powers vested in us by the Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States of America, and for sundry good and sufficient reasons and causes, us thereunto moving, being first fully informed of the good

moral character, and reposing special trust and confidence in the Masonic Abilities of the following Companions of this degree, all resident in or near the Town of Lowell, in the County of Middlesex, in the Commonwealth aforesaid, have constituted, and by these presents do constitute: Charles O. Kimball, Daniel Balch, Joshua Swan, Charles Blood, Rufus Nichols, Albigence W. Fisher, Daniel Tuck, Stephen S. Straw Maynard Bragg, Henry S. Smith, Benjamin Mather, John Dane, John Smith, Asahel Adams, Merrill Pettengil and Rufus M. Blodgett, together with all and every their regular Associates, Companions, and Successors, into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, by the name and stile of Mount Horeb Chapter, to take rank, date, and precedence from the eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and twenty-six. And we do hereby authorize and empower them, the said Charles O. Kimball, Daniel Balch, Joshua Swan, or any nine of them, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, to open and hold a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the

said Town of Lowell, and to Exalt at their discretion any Master Masons to the degree of Royal Arch Masons: and for that purpose, to open and hold Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters and Most Excellent Masters, agreeably to the ancient Usages and Customs of Royal Arch Masons; also to make and establish any good and wholesome By-Laws and Regulations for the government of said Chapter and Lodges, so always as such By-Laws and Regulations are not contrary to the constitution of the said General Grand Royal Arch Chapter or of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and the same at pleasure to alter or repeal; and further to order and establish Dues and Penalties and Fees for the admission of Candidates and Members as to them, or a major part of them, and their associates shall seem meet and proper.

And we do hereby appoint our Excellent Companion Daniel Balch, first High Priest; Excellent Companion Joshua Swan, first King; and Excellent Companion Charles Blood, first Scribe, of said Chapter.

And we do hereby enjoin upon the Com panions of the said Chapter, that they, or any number of them, do not at any time, hold any private meetings or assemblies for Masonic purposes, except in the presence of a Companion appointed by the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, or in the presence of either the High Priest, King, or Scribe of the said Chapter for the time being, or a Companion appointed by said officers, or either of them. And further, that they strictly and regularly pay or cause to be paid, annually, to this Grand Chapter, all their lawful dues, by the hands of their High Priest, King and Scribe, or their Proxies.

And it is hereby absolutely required of the said High Priest, King, and Scribe, for the time being, that they attend regularly, either in person or by their Proxies, at all regular Communications of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

In Witness Whereof, We, the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King,

and Grand Scribe, have hereunto subscribed our names, and caused the Seal of the said Grand Chapter to be affixed, and the same to be attested by the Grand Secretary, this third day of August, Anno Lucis, five thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.

PAUL DEAN, *Grand High Priest.*

AUGUSTUS PEABODY,
Deputy Grand High Priest.

SEAL.

DANIEL L. GIBBENS,
Grand King.

JOHN J. LORING,
Grand Scribe.

ATTEST:

SAMUEL HOWE,
Secretary.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

MOUNT Horeb Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Veils, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, two Stewards, Organist, Tyler, and as many members as the Chapter shall admit.

ARTICLE 2.

MEETINGS.

THE regular meetings of the Chapter shall be on the Monday on or preceding the full of the moon in each month, at such hour as the High Priest shall direct; provided, however, that during the summer months the meetings may be suspended by vote of the Chapter. The High Priest may call special meetings whenever he shall deem it expedient. All business shall be transacted in the Royal Arch Degree.

ARTICLE 3.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION.

SECTION 1. The High Priest, King, Scribe, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, Treasurer

and Secretary shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in October. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the High Priest.

SECTION 2. All officers shall be installed within one month from the time of election or appointment, and hold their offices until their successors shall have been installed.

SECTION 3. Should any elective office become vacant, such vacancy shall be filled (a dispensation from the Grand High Priest having been obtained therefor) at the next regular meeting after notice has been given. Should any appointed office become vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by the High Priest.

ARTICLE 4.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The duties and prerogatives of the several officers of this Chapter shall be such as are prescribed by the Grand Constitution and the ritual of the Craft, with the following special requirements :

SECTION 2. The Treasurer shall have the custody of the funds and property, and make payments when duly authorized by the Standing Committee.

He shall render a full statement of all receipts and expenditures at the annual meeting, and also an inventory of the property of the Chapter in his charge.

He shall deliver to his successor in office, within thirty days after installation,

all the funds and property remaining in his possession.

SECTION 3. The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings to every member of the Chapter, bearing thereupon the names of all applicants for degrees or membership.

He shall furnish the Chairman of each Committee with a copy of the vote by which he was appointed, together with the names of his associates.

He shall, at the annual meeting, present in writing a statement of the amount of money received, the number of meetings held, and the number of candidates and members admitted.

ARTICLE 5.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The High Priest, King, and Scribe, shall be a Standing Committee to examine all bills before being paid by the Treasurer, and to certify their approval by the signature of at least two members.

They shall examine into and decide upon all petitions for charity, shall annually audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and direct all the financial affairs of the Chapter, unless otherwise ordered.

SECTION 2. All Committees, except the Standing Committee, shall make a report at the next regular meeting after their appointment.

ARTICLE 6.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Every Companion exalted in this Chapter shall be entitled to membership, by paying the requisite fee and signing the By-Laws, and it shall be the duty of the High Priest to request every Companion to sign the By-Laws immediately after his exaltation; provided, however, that if any member shall make an objection, which in the opinion of the High Priest is entitled to consideration, the Companion must submit his application for membership, and be subjected to an examination and ballot, the same as is required in Section 2, for those not exalted in this Chapter.

SECTION 2. The application for membership of a Companion not exalted in

this Chapter, must be referred to a Committee, the majority of whom shall report thereon before balloting. After the lapse of fourteen days from the reception of the application, a ballot may be taken, which, if unanimous, shall entitle the applicant to membership upon signing the By-Laws. A neglect to pay the requisite fee or sign the By-Laws, within three months after being notified by the Secretary, shall necessitate a new election.

WITHDRAWAL.

SECTION 3. Any Companion in good standing, whose dues are paid, may by a majority vote of the Chapter be permitted to withdraw from membership, he making written application therefor, and a written

dimit shall be given him by the Secretary.

Any Companion withdrawing from the Chapter, cannot rejoin it without being proposed and balloted for, the same as a new member.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECTION 4. Companions who have been eminently useful to the Institution or to this Chapter in particular, may be admitted Honorary Members, in the same manner as members not exalted in this Chapter; they shall not be subject to dues or assessments, but may enjoy all the rights and privileges of members, except that the right to vote shall not pertain to those who were not previously members of this Chapter.

ARTICLE 7.—CANDIDATES.

APPLICATION.

SECTION 1. Every candidate for the degrees shall make application over his own signature, in the form prescribed by the Grand Chapter, and shall enclose the requisite fee. His application shall be referred to a Committee, and no ballot shall be taken until a majority of said Committee have reported.

BALLOTING.

SECTION 2. A ballot may be taken upon any application, at the next meeting after the expiration of fourteen days from its reception, a report thereon having been made, as provided in Section 1.

Every member present shall vote unless excused by the High Priest, and no

debate shall be in order after the balloting has commenced.

The candidate shall be entitled to three ballotings only, and it shall require a unanimous ballot to accept. If not accepted the fee shall be returned; if accepted and he neglects to appear within six months after being notified by the Secretary, he shall forfeit the fee, provided, however, that the Chapter may by majority vote return the fee, for good cause shown.

ARTICLE 8.

FEES.

SECTION 1. The fees to be paid in this Chapter by applicants for the degrees or membership, shall be as follows:

For the Degrees, ... $40 00

For Membership if Exalted in this Chapter, ...	1 00
For Membership if Exalted elsewhere,	5 00
For Diploma, (to be paid to Secretary),	1 00

SECTION 2. Every member, except the Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Tyler and Honorary Members, shall pay one dollar as annual dues.

SECTION 3. The fees for degrees and for membership must in all cases accompany the application. The annual dues must be paid on or before the annual meeting.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall be paid two dollars per meeting; the Organist shall be paid one dollar per meeting; the Tyler shall be paid two dollars per meeting.

ARTICLE 9.

DISCIPLINE.

ANY Companion who may be guilty of unmasonic conduct, or who may divulge the transactions of this Chapter to any person who has not attained the degree of Royal Arch Mason, and any member of this Chapter who may remain in arrears to the amount of two dollars, after being duly notified by the Secretary, renders himself liable to trial for suspension or expulsion.

This article shall be read after every rejection.

ARTICLE 10.

AMENDMENTS.

NO amendment to these By-Laws shall be considered at the meeting at which it is offered, but shall be referred to

a Committee, and their report made at a subsequent meeting, when it will be in order for action, if notice thereof is upon the notification for said meeting.

The assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting, shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment.

Approved May 4, 1871.

HENRY CHICKERING, G. H. P.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Abbot, John W.
Abbott, James C.
Adams, Theodore
Allen, Otis
Ames, Luman E.
Andrews, Luther M.
Andrews, William
Ashworth, Sager
Atkinson, John B.

Bacon, Francis L.
Deceased.
Bacon, Horace B.
Bacon, Levi
Deceased.
Baker, Richard W.
Bangs, Isaac W.
Dimitted.
Baron, Jacob
Bartlett, Charles E. A.
Beck, Samuel
Bedlow, George W.
Benner, Myrick A.
Bennett, Frank E.
Bennett, Wilder
Bickford, Selwyn E.
Bishop, Henry
Blanchard, Cadwaller F.
Deceased.
Blanchard, Wm. C.
Brigham, Oramel A.
Blood, John C.
Brown, Levi
Brown, S. W.
Deceased.
Brown, Willard A.
Browne, J. J. C.
Bullens, Stephen A.
Burnham, Crawford
Burnham, William J.
Dimitted.
Burnham, Z. P.
Deceased.

Bush, Edward
Deceased.
Bush, Francis
Butcher, Robert H.
Butler, Benjamin F.
Butler, Wm. W.
Butterfield, Charles

Carll, Francis
Carll, Henry
Carney, George J.
Caswell, Clark R.
Chamberlin, J. Murray
Chambers, Wm. C.
Chandler, George H.
Chase, Alfred H.
Chase, Jonathan E.
Chase, Josiah G.
Dimitted.
Churchill, Moses
Clark, Asa D.
Clifford, Weare
Coburn, Daniel
Coburn, Edward F.
Converse, Joshua
Cook, Albert G.
Cooper, Henry C.
Cooper, Isaac
Cushman, I. S.

Damon, Alex. M.
Dana, George E.
Dimitted.
Dana, J. H.
Deceased.
Day, John A.
Dimitted.
Dickerman, Alphonso T.
Dickerman, George M.
Dobbins, Wm.
Dodge, Luke C.
Doe, Wm. K.
Downs, John E.
Drew, Reuben W.
Drown, Amos B.

Eastman, Isaac C.
Eastman, Jr., Robert
Eaton, Samuel C.
Edson, Theodore

Farmer, Joseph S.
Favor, Jacob G.
Fisher, Albigence W.
Deceased.
Fletcher, Henry H.
Dimitted.
Foote, Irvin A.
Foote, James D.
Foote, Warren S.
Foss, Augustus B.
French, Abram
French, Amos B.
French, Wm.
Fuller, Samuel S.

Gage, George B.
Gardner, Wm. S.
Gerrish, Thomas G.
Gibby, Samuel J.
Gifford, Alden I.
Goodwin, John A.

Haggett, Albert A.
Hall, Albert B.
Hall, John C.
Hallett, Milo G.

Hartwell, Cephas L.
Harvey, J. Franklin
Hayden, Willard B.
Heald, Jeremiah W.
Deceased.
Hendee, Thomas W.
Deceased.
Heyward, George W.
Hill, Asa V.
Hill, Charles H.
Hilton, Lucius W.
Hinds, W. H. W.
Dimitted.
Holbrook, Frederick A.
Homer, Charles W.
Horne, Daniel W.
Hosford, Hocum
Hosmer, Isaac
Deceased.
Howe, Edward B.
Hoyt, Jonathan J.
Hubbard, John Q. A.
Humphrey, Elisha C.
Hurd, George W. S.
Huse, Stephen W.
Hutchinson, Charles C.
Hyde, Samuel

Jacobs, Frank P.
Jaques, Frank T.
Jefts, William H.
Jenkinson, Joseph
Deceased.
Jockow, Julius C.
Jones, Edward F.

Kendall, Charles A.
Keyes, Joseph B.
Deceased.
Keyes, Julian V.
Kimball, Charles
Kimball, Charles A.
Dimitted.
Kimball, Charles R.
Kingsley, Enos O.

Lamson, Nathaniel M.
Lamson, Tobias L. P.
Lamson, Jr., Wm.
Lancaster, Samuel T.
Lang, Bickford
Lang, D. Goodwin
Dimitted.
Lang, Wm. A.
Lawrence, George P.
Lawson, Peter
Leland, Wm.
Leonard, Abel W.
Leslie, Edwin C.
Lewis, C. K.
Lewis, James P.
Lewis, Rufus S.
Livermore, Henry J.
Livingston, Alfred
Livingston, Wm. E.
Lynch, Alonzo K.

Marsh, Thomas J.
Maxfield, Rufus A.
Medina, Emanuel J.
Melvin, N. P. H.
Dimitted.
Merrill, Wm. P.
McAlvin, John B.
Morse, Charles H.
Dimitted.
Morse, Henry O.

Morse, Isaac S.
Morrill, Charles
Morrow, John
Deceased.
Murray, Andrew

Nichols Albert F.
Nichols, Charles R.
Norcross, Charles H.
Dimitted.
Norcross, N. Warren
North, Frederick T.

Ober, Oliver

Page, James Y.
Paige, S. Bailey
Parsons, Wm.
Patch, John W.
Deceased.
Patten, Joseph A.
Pearson, George W.
Perkins, Henry P.
Perrin, Lewis L.
Persons, Albert C.
Pevey, John M.
Phelps, Lorenzo
Philbrick, Moses E.
Pickman, David
Pierce, Jr., John N.
Pierce, Samuel P.
Piper, Isaac B.
Pollard, Arthur G.
Puffer, Freeman W.
Putnam, Addison
Putnam, Augustus A.
Deceased.

Raynes, George W.
Read, Albert S.
Read, J. Henry
Reed, Edward E.
Reed, Ransom
Deceased.
Reed, William
Rice, Edward C.
Rice, Jonathan
Richards, Luther
Richardson, Wm. A.
Dimitted.
Robbins, Charles H.
Roby, Wm.
Deceased.
Ross, Thomas E.
Dimitted.
Rowe, George A.
Runals, Robert K.
Runels, George

Salmon, Wm. F.
Sanborn, Amos
Sanborn, Nathaniel C.
Sanborn, Stephen C.
Sanborn, Laroy S.
Sargeant, Benjamin C.
Deceased.
Sargeant, Samuel D.
Saunders, Jacob
Sawtell, Calvin
Scribner, Charles
Scribner, George F.
Scripture, Isaac F.
Scott, James
Scott, John
Shaw, James W. B.
Shed, Edwin L.
Deceased.

Shedd, Josiah B. F.
Short, Jr., Josiah E.
Slocum, John P.
Silver, Orrin B.
Simmons, Wm. H.
Smith, Caleb L.
Stacy, Lucien P.
Staples, Theodore
Stevens, George
Stevens, Solon W.
Stockman, Edward
Stoddard, Walter A.
Stott, Charles A.
Straw, Levi H.
Dimitted.
Studley, Wm. S.
Swapp, Andrew F.

Talbot, Charles K.
Taylor, Amos A.
Deceased.
Thissell, E. Amri
Thomas, Elisha
Thompson, Charles
Deceased.
Thompson, Joseph P.
Thorne, James
Tilton, Martin V.
Trask, Oliver H. P.
Tucke, Edward M.
Twiss, James J.

Upton, Henry

Van Tassel, John
Vickery, Dexter B.
Dimitted.

Walch, Orrin S.
Walker, Daniel G.
Walker, Ruel J.
Walker, William
Wallace, Stephen
Wentworth, Tappan
Wheeler, Albert
Whitten, Wm. T.
Wiggin, Dudley
Wood, Robert
Woodbury, John
Woodward, John C.
Wright, Atwill F.
Wright, Merrill S.
Wright, Nahum H.
Wright, Thomas

Young, J. Frank

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Ephraim Andrews,
Manasseh Bailey,
Benjamin Ball,
Deceased.
Jefferson Bancroft,
Joseph Bedlow,
Maynard Bragg,
Deceased.
George Brownell,
J. W. Colburn,
Albion J. Dudley,
Samuel K. Fielding,
Jonathan P. Folsom,
Frederick Frye,
Hiram N. Hall,
Samuel K. Hutchinson,
John A. Knowles,
Lowell Lawrence,
William North,
Alfred S. Saunders,
Joel Spalding,
Solon Stevens,
Joshua Swan,
Deceased.
Edward Tuck.

OFFICERS

OF

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER.

NATHANIEL C. SANBORN, ... High Priest.
ARTHUR G. POLLARD, ... King.
ALBERT A. HAGGETT, ... Scribe.
JOHN C. BLOOD, ... Captain of Host.
RUEL J. WALKER, ... Principal Sojourner.
JEREMIAH W. HEALD, . . Royal Arch Captain.
EDWARD F. COBURN, ... Master Third Veil.
MILO G. HALLETT, ... Master Second Veil.
ALPHONSO T. DICKERMAN, . Master First Veil.
JONATHAN P. FOLSOM, ... Treasurer.
RICHARD W. BAKER, ... Secretary.
MYRICK A. BENNER, ... Chaplain.
LUCIEN P. STACY, ... Senior Steward.
WILLIAM P. MERRILL, ... Junior Steward.
HIRAM N. HALL, ... Tyler.

COMPACT

OF THE

LOWELL MASONIC ASSOCIATION

ADOPTED BY PENTUCKET LODGE, APRIL 14, 1853; ANCIENT YORK LODGE, MARCH 30, 1853; AND MT. HOREB R. A. CHAPTER, APRIL 8, 1853.

ARTICLE 1. All furniture, fixtures, and other property appropriated to Masonic purposes, and jointly used by the Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, the Pentucket Lodge, and the Ancient York Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons shall be considered as property in common, undivided and jointly owned by the three above named Masonic bodies, and shall be vested in a Board of Trustees, for the joint use and enjoyment of the said Chapter and Lodges. Always excepting the two Chairs of ancient or gothic style which are placed, one on

the right, and one on the left of the Chair in the East occupied by the W. M., and which were presented by Brother J. M. Marston to the Mount Horeb Royal Arch Chapter, for its special use and enjoyment forever.

ART. 2. Said Board shall consist of nine persons, three of whom shall be elected by and from the Chapter, and three by and from each of the Lodges; and said Trustees shall be chosen and hold their office for the term of three years, except that at the first election of said officers, one elected by each of said three bodies shall hold his office for the term of one year, and one for the term of two years only; so that one Trustee shall be chosen by each of said bodies every year after the said first election. And in case any vacancy shall occur in said Board by resignation or otherwise, then the body electing him as such Trustee may proceed to fill such vacancy; and the withdrawal of any Trustee from membership of the body electing him, or his uniting himself to or with any other body of Masons (except that said Trustees elected from either of the Lodges may become a member of the Chapter), shall be deemed to constitute a vacancy.

ART. 3. It shall be the duty of said Board to take charge of all property jointly used for Masonic purposes, and hold the same to the joint use and enjoyment of the said three Masonic bodies under proper regulations; to procure necessary additions thereto from time to time as the same shall be authorized by the different bodies; to receive and audit bills for expenses incurred for the joint benefit of said Chapter and Lodges, and notify them respectively of the amounts of money to be raised by

each, for defraying such expenses; and to pay such bills from moneys received from the three several bodies, according to the following regulations.

ART. 4. The rent and insurance of Masonic Hall and bills for repairs and cleaning therof shall be paid quarterly, or as the same shall become due, the Chapter and each of the Lodges paying one-third part thereof.

The furniture used jointly by the Chapter and Lodges, and all bills for the repairs, and cleaning thereof, shall be paid for by them, each paying one-third part thereof.

The fuel, lights, and other incidental expenses of meetings in said hall, not otherwise provided for, shall be paid by the Chapter and Lodges, each paying therefor their proportion, based on the number of nights they have severally occupied said hall for meetings, as shown by the Secretary's record of each of the Masonic bodies.

ART. 5. Said Board of Trustees may, if they see fit, appoint from their number a Finance Committee consisting of one Trustee from each of the three Masonic bodies, to examine into and audit bills, and receive and pay out all moneys for the joint expenses incurred as herein provided; but there shall be one meeting annually, of the full Board of said Trustees, and they shall annually submit to the several bodies of Masons, a full report of their receipts and disbursements, and of their doings in all matters intrusted to said Board, under the foregoing regulations.

ART. 6. The said Board of Trustees shall have power, either by themselves or their Finance Committee, to direct the Tyler of said Masonic bodies in his duties,

especially such as concern the cleanliness and care of said hall, and of the jewels and furniture thereof, and to see that such duties are properly and satisfactorily discharged, before paying any bills therefor, and before any bills for tyling shall be approved by either of the separate Masonic bodies.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO THE COMPACT OF THE LOWELL MASONIC ASSOCIATION, ADOPTED FEBRUARY 12, 1867.

ARTICLE 1. Pilgrim Encampment of Knights Templars, established by charter at Lowell, Massachusetts, is hereby admitted to all the rights, privileges and interest, in the joint property, furniture and fixtures, now held in common by the three Masonic bodies named in Article 1 of the original Compact.

ART. 2. The Board of Trustees may admit as equal parties to said Association, other Masonic bodies regularly chartered and established in the City of Lowell, upon the vote of two-thirds of the Trustees from each body, voting separately.

ART. 3. The Board of Trustees shall consist of three brethren from each body, a party to the Association, who

shall be chosen by each body at its Annual Communication, and who shall hold their offices as provided in Article 2 of the original Compact.

ART. 4. The Board of Trustees shall, in the month of September, in each year, appoint a Superintendent of Masonic Apartments and fix his salary.

Said Superintendent may be removed by the Board of Trustees.

ART. 5. The Board of Trustees shall hold two meetings annually; the first in the month of January, when they shall elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the second in the month of September—the meetings to be held at such time and place as the President may direct.

ART. 6. The Board of Trustees may, by a two-thirds vote, admit as tenants to the Masonic Hall, any Masonic body regularly established by charter or dispensation in the City of Lowell, upon such terms and conditions as said Board may determine.

ART. 7. The Board of Trustees shall assess the insurance and bills for repairs equally upon the bodies admitted to the Association; the balance of rent, after deducting what may be charged to tenants, also equally upon said bodies, and all other expenses upon said bodies and said tenants in the same manner as is provided, shall be paid by the Chapter and Lodges, in Article 3 and 4 of the original Compact.

ART. 8. All the provisions of the existing Compact, inconsistent with the foregoing, are hereby wholly annulled.

ADDITIONAL AMENDMENT.

AT a meeting of the Trustees of the Masonic Association, held at Masonic Hall, Lowell, December 3, 1870—

Present—W. F. Salmon, Charles Kimball, Charles A. Stott, of Pilgrim Commandery; Joseph Bedlow, Edward Tuck, of Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter; William North, S. K. Fielding, Isaac Cooper, of Pentucket Lodge; S. K. Hutchinson, Sager Ashworth, George W. Bedlow, of Ancient York Lodge.

Voted—Unanimously, (the Trustees from each of the bodies forming the Masonic Association voting separately according to the articles of Compact), that Ahasuerus Council, Kilwinning Lodge, and William North Lodge be admitted as equal parties to the Lowell Masonic Association with equal rights, privileges, and interest in the joint property, furniture, and fixtures now held in common by said Association.

TRUSTEES

OF

LOWELL MASONIC ASSOCIATION, 1871.

PILGRIM COMMANDERY:

W. F. Salmon, Charles Kimball,
Charles A. Stott.

MOUNT HOREB R. A. CHAPTER:

Joseph Bedlow, Edward Tuck,
Hocum Hosford.

AHASUERUS COUNCIL:

Ruel J. Walker, Wm. E. Livingston,
Hiram N. Hall.

PENTUCKET LODGE:

William North, S. K. Fielding,
Isaac Cooper.

ANCIENT YORK LODGE:

S. K. Hutchinson, Sager Ashworth,
George W. Bedlow.

KILWINNING LODGE:

Jonathan P. Folsom, Alpheus R. Brown,
Solon W. Stevens.

WILLIAM NORTH LODGE:

Theodore Adams, Atwill F. Wright,
Alonzo K. Lynch.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

MASSACHUSETTS.

Adopted, A. L. 5861.

CONSTITUTION.

THE Officers and members of the GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, for the better government and regulation of themselves and of the CHAPTERS under their jurisdiction, do ordain and establish the following General and Particular Regulations:

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of the following officers, to wit: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Captain

of the Host, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Royal Arch Captain, three Grand Masters of the Veils, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplains, Grand Lecturers, Grand Stewards, Grand Tyler, together with Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, and of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, all of whom shall be entitled to a vote in the Grand Chapter, except the Grand Tyler.

ARTICLE II.

THE Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall hold four communications in a year, to wit: on the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday in March, June, September, and December, of which the communication in December shall be the annual communication, and the time for the choice of officers, of whom the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High

Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected by ballot, and the others shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, so chosen; all of whom, if present, shall be duly installed on that day, or at such other time as the Grand Chapter shall designate; and if any of said officers shall be absent at the time of his election or appointment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to forward him due notice thereof, with a request that he would signify his acceptance or refusal in writing, within twenty days at least preceding the next regular meeting of the Grand Chapter; and should any of said officers decline accepting the office assigned him, or neglect to give notice thereof within the time aforesaid, then such office shall be deemed vacant, and filled at the next regular meeting of said Grand Chapter. And all other vacancies of office, by resignation or otherwise, shall be filled at the regular communication next succeeding the same. And all communications of the Grand Chapter shall hereafter be holden in Boston.

ARTICLE III.

ALL Grand Officers, at the time of their installation, shall make the following declaration: "I, A. B., do solemnly promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, and that of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

ARTICLE IV.

IN case of the absence of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, it shall be the duty of the oldest past officer of those grades respectively to preside; and in case of the absence of all the past officers, the High Priest of the oldest Chapter present shall preside.

ARTICLE V.

NO person shall be eligible to the office of Grand High Priest for more than three years successively, or hold the office of

High Priest of a subordinate Chapter during his term of office in the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE VI.

IT shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to appoint one or more discreet and well-informed Companions, to be styled Grand Lecturers, who shall be commissioned by the Grand High Priest, with the seal of the Grand Chapter affixed, and attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall be in force until the conclusion of the annual communication in December, and no longer.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Lecturer, when requested by any subordinate Chapter, and directed by the Grand High Priest, to visit any Chapter under this jurisdiction, and teach them the lectures and mode of work; and the Chapter so employing him shall make him a reasonable compensation for his services.

He shall keep a record of his proceedings, and submit it to the inspection of the Grand

High Priest when required, and shall make no alterations in the lectures without permission of the Grand Chapter. The system established by the Grand Chapter, and taught by the Grand Lecturer, shall be the standard for the regulation of all Chapters under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VII.

A COMMITTEE of three shall be appointed at the annual meeting, immediately after the installation of the Grand Officers, to be styled the *Committee of Finance*, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, together with the Grand Treasurer's and Secretary's accounts and books, and report at the annual communication in December, previously to the election of officers.

ARTICLE VIII.

EVERY petition for a warrant to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall be signed by at least nine regular Royal Arch

Masons, within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Chapter within this Commonwealth nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character and masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Chapter to grant them a warrant; and if it shall meet the approbation of this Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest shall grant his dispensation for the same, to be in force not exceeding twelve months, and during that time the members of said Chapter shall be examined, with regard to their ability to perform the requisite duties, by a committee to be appointed by the Grand High Priest; said committee to report to the Grand High Priest; and if their report meet his approbation, he shall, within the year aforesaid, unless a further time is granted by a vote of the Grand Chapter, appoint a time for the consecration of said Chapter and installation of the officers, and direct the Secretary to make out a charter, to bear even

date with the dispensation; and said Chapter shall pay fifty cents per month for the time it shall have held its warrant.

And if a majority of the members of any Chapter, at a regular meeting notified for that purpose, shall vote to remove their Chapter to any other place, the Grand Chapter may sanction and authorize such removal, if recommended by the Chapter nearest to the place to which the Chapter is proposed to be removed.

The fees for the charter shall be paid upon receiving the dispensation.

ARTICLE IX.

NO warrant shall be granted by this Grand Chapter for holding a Mark Masters', Past Masters', or Most Excellent Masters' Lodge, independent of a Royal Arch Chapter.

ARTICLE X.

THE fees for a warrant for holding a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and opening Lodges of Mark Masters, Past Masters,

and Most Excellent Masters, shall be ninety dollars; and the Secretary shall be paid by the petitioners five dollars for his services in executing the charter.

ARTICLE XI.

THE several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay for the support thereof, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, annually, the sum of six dollars, and also three dollars for every candidate who shall be exalted in such Chapter, and shall be entitled to receive of the Grand Secretary one diploma for each candidate exalted.

ARTICLE XII.

EVERY Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction shall be represented by its High Priest, King, and Scribe, or either of them, in person or by their respective proxies, at every meeting of the Grand Chapter; and, at the stated communication in Sep-

tember, make a duplicate return of the names of its officers and members, and of the candidates by it exalted, (one of which returns shall be held by the Grand Treasurer, and the other by the Chapter,) and pay their dues to the Grand Treasurer. If any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make a return of its officers and members and pay its dues to this Grand Chapter, then, and in either case of delinquency, the said Chapter shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Chapter its charter, with its records, jewels, regalia and furniture, together with its monetary and all other property of every description.

ARTICLE XIII.

NO candidate shall be exalted to the degree of Royal Arch Mason by any Chapter under this jurisdiction for a less sum than

twenty-five dollars, and no candidate shall be balloted for until said fee shall be paid, and no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for the fees, or any part of the fees, due on the exaltation or advancement of any candidate.

ARTICLE XIV.

THE application of any and every candidate, who is a resident in this Commonwealth, for exaltation in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant, and be in the following form, to wit:

To The Most Excellent High Priest, King, Scribe, and Companions of —— Chapter.

I, ——, having received the degree of Master Mason in —— Lodge, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of ——, having the good of the Craft at heart, and being desirous of obtaining further light in Masonry, do fraternally offer myself a candidate for the degrees conferred in your Chapter. Should my

petition be granted, I promise a cheerful compliance with all the forms and usages of the Fraternity.

My residence is in ——, occupation ——. I have —— before applied for said degrees.

Dated at ——, 187 .

Signed,

—— ——.

And said application shall be accompanied by the recommendation of at least three Royal Arch Masons, and shall be in the following form, to wit:

We, the subscribers, hereby certify that we are acquainted with ——, named in the above application, and believe him to be of regular and upright conduct, fair fame, sober life, and good moral character. We do, therefore, recommend him as a Master Mason, worthy and well qualified to be exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Dated at ——, 187 .

Signed,

—— ——,
—— ——,
—— ——.

And said application shall lay over one meeting of said Chapter at least, for the consideration of the members thereof, and no ballot

shall be taken upon the application of any candidate within fourteen days from the meeting at which he was proposed, unless in cases of emergency, when a dispensation from the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, or Grand Scribe, shall be obtained; and no candidate shall be received or admitted to the degrees without a unanimous vote in his favor.

ARTICLE XV.

NO candidate, residing in any town or city where one or more Chapters are holden under this jurisdiction, shall be exalted in any other Chapter within the jurisdiction without the consent of the High Priest, King, and Scribe of each of the Chapters in the town or city where said candidate resides.

ARTICLE XVI.

NO Chapter under this jurisdiction shall receive for exaltation to the sublime degrees a candidate who is resident in another

of the United States where Grand or subordinate Chapters are established agreeably to the rules and regulations of the General Grand Chapter, except by the consent of the Chapter nearest the place of residence of said applicant.

ARTICLE XVII.

AN applicant to any Chapter under this jurisdiction for the sublime degrees, who is a foreigner, or not a resident of any of the United States where Chapters are held agreeably to the regulations of the General Grand Chapter of said States, must have his application written and signed by himself and four members of the Chapter to which he applies for exaltation, or by himself and six members of other Chapters under this jurisdiction. And any worthy Companion from without the jurisdiction of the United States who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason and produce satisfactory evidence of his having received that degree, each and every Chapter under the

jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter has liberty, and they are hereby authorized, to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master on such Companions (who have not heretofore received them), to the end that they may be healed, and thereby become regular Royal Arch Masons, free of charge; and the subordinate Chapter conferring said degrees free of charge shall be exempt from paying any dues therefor.

ARTICLE XVIII.

NO candidate whose application may be rejected in any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be exalted in any Chapter other than that to which he first applied, without a recommendation from nine members of said Chapter, of whom the High Priest, King, and Scribe shall be three; and it shall be the duty of every Chapter under this jurisdiction to communicate all rejections of candidates to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIX.

NO Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted a member of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, unless he shall have regularly received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE XX.

NO Royal Arch Mason shall be a member of two separate and distinct Chapters under this jurisdiction at one and the same time.

ARTICLE XXI.

NO Chapter or assembly of Royal Arch Masons, that may hereafter be formed within the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a warrant from this Grand Chapter. Masonic

communication, either public or private, is hereby strictly forbidden between any Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, or between any member of said Chapter or Lodge under this jurisdiction, and any Chapter or Lodge that may be so illegally opened, or either of their members, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter or Lodge.

The punishment for breach of any part of this article shall be expulsion and exclusion from the benefits of Royal Arch Masonry.

ARTICLE XXII.

THE High Priest, King, and Scribe of any Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, when not able to attend the communications, shall appoint their proxies by a commission signed with their names, to which their seal shall be affixed; which commission shall continue in force only during the year for which the said High Priest, King, or Scribe was elected.

PARTICULAR REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE I.

AT every communication of this Grand Chapter, previous to the transaction of any business, the Chapter shall be opened in due form.

ARTICLE II.

THE officers of subordinate Chapters, who attend the communication of the Grand Chapter, must appear clothed in their proper jewels.

ARTICLE III.

EVERY officer of a Chapter under this jurisdiction, who, as such, has a right to sit and vote in this Grand Chapter, shall, in case of his absence at any communication, have a right to be represented therein by his proxy duly appointed; provided, however, such proxy be not under the degree of Royal Arch Mason,

and that he be a member of a Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

The form of letters of proxy shall be in substance as follows, viz:

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts:

BE IT KNOWN,

That pursuant to the authority given me by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, I, —— ——, of ——— Chapter, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint Companion ———, of ——, to represent me at the meetings of said Grand Chapter, to be holden at Boston, on the —— day of ——, [or, for the present Masonic year as the case may be.]

Confirming the acts of said Companion in his capacity aforesaid, I pray that he may enjoy all the privileges and protection to which I am entitled.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this —— day of ——. A. L. ——.

ARTICLE IV.

EVERY member of this Grand Chapter, and representative thereto, must appear properly clothed with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

ARTICLE V.

NO person shall be admitted as a visitor at any communication of this Grand Chapter, unless some member of said Grand Chapter, or Companion of right sitting in the same, will of his own knowledge declare that such person desirous of being admitted has regularly received all the degrees appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry, conferred by the Chapters under this jurisdiction.

ARTICLE VI.

WHEREAS, it is essentially important that the mode of working in the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter should be uniformly the same: therefore, the better to accomplish this desirable object, it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest, or presiding officer at every communication thereof, to give, or cause to be given, the Mark and Royal Arch Lectures, that the officers of the several Chapters may be fully acquainted

therewith, and dispense the knowledge of them in a uniform and regular manner in their several Chapters.

ARTICLE VII.

THE accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary at the annual communication in December, shall be audited, and for their services they shall receive such compensation as this Grand Chapter may deem adequate.

ARTICLE VIII.

EVERY return from the subordinate Chapters shall specify the time when each candidate was marked, passed, acknowledged, and exalted; and each Chapter shall pay to this Grand Chapter, for every candidate admitted to the degree of Mark Master, one dollar; to the degree of Past Master, fifty cents; to the degree of Most Excellent Master, fifty cents; and to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, one dollar.

ARTICLE IX.

WHEN any member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be accused of any offence which, if proved against him, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules:

1ST. The accusations shall be made in writing, under the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Chapter, who, under the direction of the High Priest, shall serve, or cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges, fourteen days at least previous to the time appointed for his examination; *provided*, the residence of the offending Companion shall be known, and shall be within the distance of twenty miles of the place where the Chapter is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than twenty miles, but within the State, then and in that

case a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail or other conveyance, twenty days at least before the time of trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If the residence of the delinquent be unknown, the Chapter may proceed to examine the charges *ex parte*.

2ND. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Chapter specially notified and convened for the purpose, at which no visitors shall be admitted, except as counsel or witnesses.

3RD. The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor; hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

4TH. The question, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" shall be distinctly put to each member of the Chapter by name, commencing with the youngest member. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record the answer as given.

5TH. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the proceedings shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of this Grand Chapter for examination.

6TH. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by this Grand Chapter; but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent.

7TH. A Companion feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of a subordinate Chapter shall have the right of an appeal to this Grand Chapter, he having given due and timely notice to the subordinate Chapter of his intention so to appeal from its decision.

8TH. Whenever this Grand Chapter shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a subordinate Chapter, suspending or expelling a Companion, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

9TH. In all respects, other than those here specified, the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the regulations of ancient craft Masonry.

ARTICLE X.

EACH Chapter under this jurisdiction shall have a seal, which shall be affixed to all communications made to this Grand Chapter, and to all credentials which may be given by such Chapter to any member thereof.

ARTICLE XI.

WHENEVER the by-laws of any Chapter require the names of candidates to be inserted in the notifications, a dispensation from a Grand Officer does not render such insertion unnecessary.

ARTICLE XII.

ALL motions made in the Grand Chapter, the determinations of which may require to be recorded, shall be handed in writing to

the Secretary, who shall present them to the presiding officer for the time being.

ARTICLE XIII.

NO vote of the Grand Chapter shall be reconsidered by a less number of voters than were present at the passing of the same.

ARTICLE XIV.

THERE shall be a Board of Trustees of the Funds of the Grand Chapter, consisting of the Grand Treasurer, and two Companions to be elected by ballot for the term of three years, and to constitute, during that time, a permanent part of the Board; and, provided a vacancy shall occur by death, resignation, or any cause, it shall be reported to the Grand Chapter at the next quarterly communication, at which time the vacancy shall be filled. The Board of Trustees thus constituted shall be styled, "The Trustees of the Funds of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts."

ARTICLE XV.

THIS Constitution shall not be altered or amended, unless such alteration or amendment be proposed, in writing, at one regular meeting of the Grand Chapter, and at a subsequent regular meeting receive the approval of two-thirds of the members then present.